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Issued: November 1, 2005

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Specification Col. 1, Lines 25-29	U.S. patent application Ser. No. 08/864,423 is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 08/800,053, which was issued on Nov. 30, 1999 as U.S. Pat. No. 5,992,601 entitled "Method and Apparatus for Document Identification and Authentication".	See Exhibit 6
Cover page (63)	Continuation of application No. 08/864,423, filed May 28, 1997, now Pat. No. 6,311,819 which is a continuation-in-part of application No. 08/800,053, filed Feb. 14, 1997, now Pat. No. 5,992,601, and a continuation-in-part of application No. 09/126,580, filed July 30, 1998, now Pat. No. 6,351,551, which is a continuation of application No. 08/573,392, filed Dec. 15, 1995, now Pat. No. 5,790,697.	See Exhibit 6 and Page 2 of the application as amended in the Second Preliminary Amendment (attached as Exhibit 7)
Cover page (60)	Provisional application No. 60/038,340, filed Feb. 27, 1997, provisional application No. 60/034,954, filed Jan. 16, 1997, provisional application No. 60/018,563, filed May 29, 1996, and provisional No. 60/011,688, filed Feb. 15, 1996.	See Exhibit 6 and Page 2 of the application as amended in the Second Preliminary Amendment (attached as Exhibit 7)

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(54) **METHOD FOR DOCUMENT PROCESSING****FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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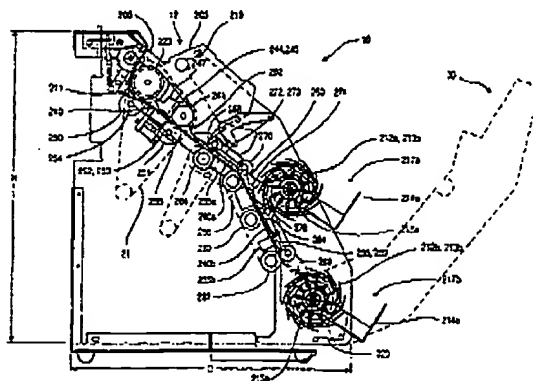
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ABSTRACT

A currency evaluation device for receiving a stack of currency bills and rapidly evaluating all the bills in the stack. The device comprises an input receptacle for receiving a stack of bills to be evaluated and a plurality of output receptacles for receiving the bills after they have been evaluated. A transport mechanism transports the bills, one at a time, from the input receptacle to one of the output receptacles along a transport path. A discriminating unit including a detector positioned along the transport path between the input receptacle and the output receptacle evaluates the bills. The discriminating unit counts and determines the denomination of the bills. A means for flagging bills meeting or failing to meet a certain criteria causes the transport mechanism to halt in response to a determination that a bill meets or fails to meet the criteria.

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METHOD FOR DOCUMENT PROCESSING

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of copending U.S. patent application Ser. No. 08/864,423 filed May 28, 1997 entitled "Method and Apparatus for Document Processing", which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

This application is a continuation-in-part and further claims the benefit of U.S. application Ser. No. 09/126,580, filed Jul. 30, 1998 entitled "Method and Apparatus for Discriminating and Counting Documents", which claims the benefit of U.S. application Ser. No. 08/573,392, which was issued on Aug. 4, 1998 as U.S. Pat. No. 5,790,697 entitled "Method and Apparatus for Discriminating and Counting Documents".

U.S. patent application Ser. No. 08/864,423 claims the benefit of Provisional Patent Application Ser. No. 60/018,563 filed May 29, 1996 entitled "Method and Apparatus for Document Identification and Authentication", 60/034,954 filed Jan. 16, 1997 entitled "Method and Apparatus for Document Processing", and 60/038,340 filed Feb. 27, 1997 entitled "Method and Apparatus for Document Processing."

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U.S. patent application Ser. No. 08/800,053 claims the benefit of Provisional Patent Application Ser. Nos. 60/011,688 filed Feb. 15, 1996, now abandoned, and 60/018,563 filed May 29, 1996.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

The present invention relates, in general, to document processing. More specifically, the present invention relates to a method and apparatus for document discrimination, authentication, and/or sorting.

2. Background

A variety of techniques and apparatus have been used in automated currency handling systems. Traditionally, these currency handling systems utilized a complex series of belts, pulleys, wheels and rollers to guide a currency bill through a complicated pathway having many twists and turns to pass the currency bill through the discriminating and/or authenticating sensors and to deliver the bills to an assigned output receptacle. These complicated pathways have sometimes led to jams of the currency bills which are difficult to clear.

Therefore, a need exists for a transport mechanism that reduces currency jams and is more accessible when clearing currency jams.

There is also a need for a currency evaluation device that can distinguish bills based on a number of criteria and that is flexible in permitting the operator of the device to specify which criteria are to be used to distinguish bills and how bills meeting or failing to meet various criteria are to be handled. There is also a need for a currency evaluation device having an input/output means that is simply to operate, flexible, and customizable.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

It is an object of the present invention to provide a method and apparatus for document transport which reduces cur-

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rency jams and is more accessible when clearing currency jams. Briefly, according to one embodiment, a method and apparatus for transporting a currency bill to be evaluated by a discrimination and/or authentication apparatus is provided.

A transport mechanism includes a pair of substantially smooth opposing plates. These plates are substantially free of surface features. The smooth plates comprise a transport plate and a follower plate and define a currency pathway there between. A plurality of transport rolls protrude through apertures in the transport plate so as to frictionally engage the bills and actively advance the bills through the currency pathway. Furthermore, the follower plate is preferably mounted on a hinged module so that it may rotate out and away from the transport plate to allow easy access to the currency pathway.

In one embodiment, a transport mechanism includes a transport plate which defines in a substantially planar transport path between an evaluating mechanism and a plurality of output receptacles. The transport mechanism may include a follower plate that is substantially smooth and without surface features. The follower plate is positioned substantially parallel and in spaced relation to the opposing transport plate so as to define a currency pathway there between.

According to another embodiment, a currency evaluation device for receiving a stack of currency bills and rapidly evaluating all the bills in the stack is provided. The device has an input receptacle for receiving a stack of bills to be evaluated and a number of output receptacles for receiving the bills after the bills have been evaluated. A transport mechanism transports the bills, one at a time, from the input receptacle to one of the output receptacles along a transport path. A discriminating unit evaluates the bills including determining certain information concerning the bills. A control panel includes a touch screen for displaying the information concerning the bills and for receiving operational instructions from a user. A controller coupled to the touch screen and the discriminating unit causes the discriminating unit to operate in a number of modes in response to the operational instructions from the user. In one embodiment, the evaluation device has exactly two output receptacles.

According to another embodiment, a currency evaluation device for receiving a stack of currency bills and rapidly evaluating all the bills in the stack is provided wherein the device flags bills meeting or failing to meet certain criteria. A bill may be flagged, for example, by presenting the bill in one of the output pockets (delivering the bill to one of the pockets and suspending the operation of the device) or by off-sorting the bill to a different output pocket and continuing to process other bills. According to one embodiment the currency evaluation device has two output receptacles for receiving bills after they have been evaluated.

According to another embodiment a currency evaluation device has a routing interface. The routing interface has a data retrieval device such as a touch screen that receives information from a user of the evaluation device specifying into which output receptacle bills are to be delivered based on one or more criteria such as, e.g., a bill being a stranger

According to another embodiment a currency evaluation device has a flagging control interface. The flagging control interface has a data retrieval device such as a touch screen that receives information from a user of the evaluation device specifying whether the evaluation device should suspend its operation based on the detection of a bill meeting or failing to meet one or more criteria such as, e.g., a bill being a no call bill.

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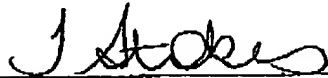
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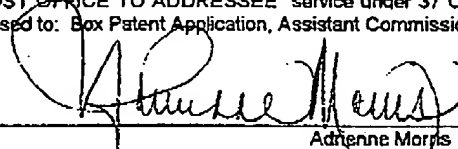
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U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/864,423 claims the benefit of Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/018,563 filed May 29, 1996 entitled "Method and Apparatus for Document Identification and Authentication", 60/034,954 filed January 16, 1997 entitled "Method and Apparatus for Document Processing", and 60/038,340 filed February 27, 1997 entitled "Method and Apparatus for Document Processing."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/864,423 further claims the benefit of a continuation-in-part U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/800,053, which was issued on November 30, 1999 as U.S. Patent No. 5,992,601 entitled "Method and Apparatus for Document Identification and Authentication" and Serial No. 08/573,392, which was issued on August 4, 1998 as U.S. Patent No. 5,790,697 entitled "Method and Apparatus for Discriminating and Counting Documents."

U.S. States Patent Application Serial No. 08/800,053 claims the benefit of Provisional Patent Application Serial Nos. 60/011,688 filed February 15, 1996, now abandoned, and 60/018,563 filed May 29, 1996.

Field of the Invention

The present invention relates, in general, to document processing. More specifically, the present invention relates to a method and apparatus for document discrimination, authentication, and/or sorting.

Background

A variety of techniques and apparatus have been used in automated currency handling systems. Traditionally, these currency handling systems utilized a complex series of belts, pulleys, wheels and rollers to guide a currency bill through a complicated pathway having many twists and turns to pass the currency bill through the discriminating and/or

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